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Briete Questi-

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cerning chiefe poynts  
of Christian religion

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Christian Religion.

*Question.*

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Ho created you ?

A. **GOD** the Father.

Q. Who redeemed you ?

A. **Iesus Christ** the Sonne.

Q. Who sanctified you ?

A. **God** the holy Ghost.

Q. Wherefore did he create the world ?

A. **For** his owne glorie.

Q. Wherefore did he create man ?

A. **To** serue him.

Q. In what doe we serue God ?

A. In 5. things :

1. In praying to him,
2. Praising him.
3. Hearing his word.
4. Using his Sacraments
5. Keeping his Comman-  
dements.

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Q. Which



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Q. Which are his Commaundements?

A. Those ten which God gaue.

Q. Are there but ten Commaundements for vs to keepe?

A. No more, for all other Commaundements, either in the old Testament, or in the new, doe in their substance belong to some of these.

Q. What is the summe or dritt of these Commaundements.

A. The summe of the first foure, is to loue God aboue all. And the summe of the last five, is to loue our neighbour as our selfe.

Q. Who is our neighbour?

A. Not onely our friends and acquaintance, but euen strangers, and enemies; and whosoever standes in neede of mercie: As Christ sheweth by the example of the wounded man.

Q. Are you, or any man, able to keepe this law?

A. No, we are not able.

Q. How know you that you are not able?

A. 1. My Conscience doth accuse mee of my sinnes. 2. The Scripture hath testified that all haue offended, & haue neede of Gods grace.

Q. Is the law then vnpossible to be kept?

A. It is.

Q. How is God righteous, to giue a law vnpossible?

A. 1. Be-



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A. 1. Because it was not vnpossible to Adam in his first estate. 2. Because God of his mercie provided, that the vnpossible righteousness of the Law, should be fulfilled in Christ.

Q. How comes it then to passe, that wee are not able to keepe this Law?

A. Because wee all doe from our Parents in our very conception, draw corruption, that makes vs vnable to keepe the Law.

Q. What is this corruption of nature in vs?

A. 1. Blindnesse in our vnderstanding.

2. Crookednesse in our heartes, to know good and euill.

3. Not to desire good, and hate euill.

4. Peruersenesse in our imagination and memory, to remember and thinke of good thinges badly and of euill and vaine thinges easily, and with delight. *Gen. 6.*

Q. What is the punishment, of the breach of the Law?

A. Laboure and misery in our bodyes, and death and euerlasting damnation.

Q. What meanes is there to be deliuered.

A. Onely by Iesus Christ.

Q. What was Iesus Christ.

A. The second person in Trinitie: God and man.

Q. Why was he man.

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**A.** That he might suffer such punishment as was due to man,

**Q.** Why was he God?

**A.** That he might overcome it, and that the punishment might be a sufficient price; which could not be, but by such a person.

**Q.** How did he redeeme vs?

**A.** By bearing the punishment of our sinnes, dying vpon the Crosse, and by performing a perfect righteousness for vs.

**Q.** How are these to be accepted for vs?

**A.** Because they were not needfull, for Christ himselfe who neuer deserved any punishment, because hee was without sinne nor was bound to performe any Law, being God.

**Q.** How shall wee be partakers of this redemption?

**A.** In feeling and grieving for our sinnes, wee beleue that Christ dyed for our sinnes, and rose for our Justification.

**Q.** How shall we come to haue a feeling of our Sinn?

**A.** By looking into the Commandementes. By examining our liues. By considering Gods blessings and iudgementes.

**Q.** How shall we come to Faith?

**A.** Faith is the gift of GOD: but wrought in vs by the Word, Sacramentes,  
and

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and Prayer.

Q. How doth the Word beget Fayth?

A. The Precepts doe let vs see the number of our finnes.

The Iudgement both make vs feeble them beanie, and so to seeke fozease

The Promises make vs to hope : and so both Precepts and Threatnings ; or Iudgements and Promises , make vs to beget fayth.

Q. How do the Sacraments beget Fayth,

A. As Seales do serue to confirme Writings: and tokens , and pledges , betweene men and men, do confirme promises.

Q. How many Sacraments are there?

A, Two and no moze : Baptisme , and the Supper of the Lord,

Q. How can the taking of a little Water or Wine, scale vp my Fayth?

A. Because God is so true and powerfull, and whatsoeuer signe he giues , it is an assurance, bee the meanes neuer so simple.

Q. What be the outward thinges to be scene in Baptisme?

A. Water: which signifieth the Blood of Christ.

Q. What thinges are done in Baptisme?

A. Dipping into the Water, Washing, and rising



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rising out.

Q. What do these signifie & declare vnto me

A. The washing, both betoken the washing of my finnes, the putting into the Water, representes a buriall, as it were into Chyistes death to die to sinne: and the rising out both signifie my ingrafting into Chyistes resurrection to rise to newnesse of life, as he did rise from death.

Q. What are the outward thinges in the Supper?

A. Bread and Wine.

Q. What are the visible thinges done?

A. Receiuing, and eating.

Breaking the Bread.

Distributing both to the people,

Q. What doe these signifie?

A. the first signifieth Chyistes passion.

The distributing signifieth that it was done, that others [not himselte] might haue the benefite.

The receiuing and eating, betokens and assures that euery one that receiues, is knit to the body and blood of Chyist, as he doth knit the Bread and Wine to himselte.

Q. What comfort haue we by this?

A. I am assured that all the vertue of the Bread and Wine being receiued, becomes mine

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mine: and so being spiritually, by faith, ioyned to Christ, I shall be made partaker of all the benefites of his death and resurrection.

Q. Shall euery one that commeth to this Sacrament, haue this comfort?

A. None but they that come worthily: otherwise they eate their owne damnation.

Q. Can any come worthily to it?

A. Not as deseruing to come: but by faith accepted, thzough the merrit and worthines of Iesus Christ imputed and applied.

Q. How shall we come to it worthily?

A. By meanes. First to come, to it, as a Supper made by GOD, of great price and delight. Secondly as vnto a Supper wherein is presented the bitter death of Christ the Sonne of GOD, and our vniing to him, as to our head.

Q. What affections doe become it, as it is Gods Supper?

A. First, thankfulnessse to him that hath prepared so great a Supper & called vs vnto it.

Secondly, a hunger and thirsting after the meate.

Thirdly, an humilitie in heart in regard of our vnworthinesse, to take the lowest place.

Q. What affections become it, as there is a

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representation of Christes death?**

- A. Foure.** {  
1. **Sorrow for sinne.**  
2. **Perswasion of forgiveness.**  
3. **A purpose of a holy life.**  
4. **Love and charitie.**

**Thus beeing furnished, wee shall come (as  
Christians) to receiue fully Christes bene-  
fites: G D D which graunt we may.**

**FINIS.**





¶ A Prayer, wherein is  
conteyned the substance of  
all the Catechisme.



Most mightie God merci-  
full and louing Father,  
who hast giuen vs our life  
in this world for this pur-  
pose, that our greatest care  
aboue all other thinges  
might be, that our most  
pretious soules might be saued for ever in the  
day of Iudgement. and for the same end hast  
appointed the ministrie and preaching of the  
word, as the onely powerfull meanes to bring  
vs to thy euerlasting kingdome of glory: we  
beseech thee for thine owne name sake, and for  
Iesus Christ thy deere Sonnes sake, giue vs  
grace with humble & carefull hearts to learne  
and knowe so much out of thy blessed and holy  
word, as may be for the saluation of our soules  
from hell and condemnation, and to bring vs  
to the ioy of thy kingdome. Graunt that now  
in tyme we may from the true vnderstanding  
of thy blessed Lawe, both see & feele the great-  
nesse of all our sinnes, and of that punishment  
which we haue deserued therefore, that wee  
being

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being loden with the heauie burden of our  
sinnes, may with broken and sad hearts seeke  
fozease and helpe now in this time of our life,  
while ease and helpe may be obtained: for after  
this life there is no merrye, but iudgement and  
vengeance to be looked for. And when as by  
thy spirit thou hast cast vs downe with vn-  
feigned repentance, and hartie sorrow for  
all our sinnes past either knowne or vnknewen  
vnto vs: then wee pray thee comfort and  
lift vp our poore distressed consciences, with the  
strength of a kinely faith grounded vpon thy  
promise made vnto vs in the Gospell, which  
may in Christ his death perswade our heartes  
of the full pardon of all our sinnes, and of eue-  
ry part of that punishment to which we haue de-  
serued with good assurance in his perfect obedi-  
ence, wrought in our nature, in his owne per-  
son for vs, to come to y inheritance of euertlasting  
life, in thy most blessed kingdome. And wee  
hartely beseech thee, that this faith of ours may  
be fruitfull in every part of our inward and out-  
ward behauiour to our owne comfort, and the  
good example of all other, among whome we  
shall haue our conuersation. Graunt further,  
that this faith may dayly be underpopped and  
upholden against all the violent assaultes of  
Sathan, and doubting weakenes of our cor-  
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rupt nature, by these plaine pledges and loue tokens (I meane the Sacraments) which thou hast mercifully provided to put vs out of doubt of thine euerlasting loue toward vs in Iesus Christ. Lastly that we may from time to time, from day to day, and from houre to houre, haue good experience, and true triall of thy good will; giue vs grace with vpright harts to call vpon thee in the name of thy Sonne our alone Sauour for all good graces and blessings needfull for our soules and bodies for this life present, and for the life to come, both for our selues, and for all the Church and children, that thus wee may glorifie thee so long as wee shall liue heere vpon the face of the earth, and may heereafter be made partakers of euerlasting glozy in thy kingdome, through Iesus Christ our Lord Amen.

### Grace before meat.

**M**ost gracious Father, who feedest all creatures which depend vpon thy diuine providence, wee beseech thee sanctifie these creatures, which thou hast ordained to vs, giue them vertue to nourish our bodies, in life and health, & giue vs grace to receiue them soberly and thankefully as from thy handes: that soe  
in



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In the strength of these, and other thy blessings  
we may walke in the brightness of our hearts,  
before thy face, this day and all the dayes of  
our liues, through Iesus Christ our Lord and  
only Saviour.

Or thus.

Most gracious God & mercifull Father, we  
beseech thee sanctifie thy creatures to our vse,  
make them healthfull for our nurrishment, and  
vs thankfull for all thy blessings, through  
Christ our Lord and onely Saviour: Amen.

Grace after meate.

Blessed be thy holy name O Lord our God  
for these thy good benefits, wherewith thou  
hast so plentifully at this time refreshed our  
bodies, O Lord boughsafe likewise to feede our  
soules, with the spirituall foode of thy holy word  
and spirit vnto life euerslasting: O Lord de-  
fend and save thy whole Church, our gracious  
King and Queene, our noble Prince the Duke  
of Yorke, and Lady Elizabeth: forgive vs  
our sinnes and vntthankfullnes, passe by our  
manifold infirmities, make vs all mindefull  
of our liues ends, and of the reckonings we are  
to make to thee therein, and in the meane time  
graunt

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graunt vnto vs health, peace and truth, in Ie-  
sus Chriſt our Lord & onely Sauour: Amen.

Or thus.

Blessed be thy holy name O Lord for these  
thy good benefits wherewith thou hast refresh-  
ed vs at this time: Lord forgive vs all our  
sinnes and frailties, saue thy Church, King  
and Quene, and royall prosperitie, and graunt  
vs health, peace and truth, in Chriſt our onely  
Sauour Amen.

Before meate.

Sanctifie vnto vs O Lord the vse of these  
thy creatures, of which by our sinnes we haue  
made our selues vnworthy, make vs sober and  
thankfull receiuers of them, graunt that the  
end of our eatings and drinkings, may be to  
be better inabled to serue thee in our severall  
places, thzough Iesus Chriſt Amen.

Another.

Take from vs O gracious Father all gloto-  
ny and exceſſe, all carnall feeding without feare,  
all minding of none but earthly things, all ser-  
uing our bellies without providing for our  
soules

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soules, make vs mindefull of thy presence, and carefull so to behaue our selues in receiuing these creatures set befoze vs, that all that wee doe, may be to thy gloze, and to the comfort of our soules, through Iesus Christ our Lord Amen.

### Another grace.

Humble our soules befoze thee O Lord, and cause vs to see the smalnes of our desert even in respect of y least of thy mercies: make vs to hunger after Christ by whom only the free vse of thy creatures is restored to vs: & giue vs so to enioy these blessings heare prouided for vs, with that reuerence and sobriety as in thy presence, that our bodies being refreshed our soules may praise thee who art the giuer of all good, and that in Iesus Christ the righteous. Amen.

### Another.

O Lord, it is not bread that we liue by, but by the word that proceeded from thy mouth, lift vp our hearts to looke vnto thee for a blessing vpon our meates, and vouchsafe vs the gracious assurance of thy loue in Christ, that we may comfortably vse thy creatures as pledges of thy fauour, & be prouoked by them



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to giue vp our selues to thy glory, to serue thee insincerely all our daies, through Iesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### Another Grace before meate.

Teach vs to remember O mercifull God, that it is thou, which to vs and all thy Creatures giuest foode in due season, that soe wee may take heede of all vnthankfull and brutish vsing of these good things, which in thy prouidence thou hast ordayned for vs: raise vp our affections to longe for thy foode which indereth to eternall life, which Iesus hath promised to giue vs, who is thy onely sonne and our onely saviour Amen.

### Another Grace after meate.

Wee magnifie thy name O Lord for all thy mercies, for the comfortable refreshings which thou hast now vouchsated vs: pardon we beseech thee our great vnthankfullnes, in the duties of obedience to thy blessed will: saue all thy Church, protect and blesse our gracious King, and his Realmes, the Queene, the Prince, and all their royall progeny, graunt passage to thy Gospell, comfort to thy seruants, and peace of conscience to vs all in Iesus Christ: Amen.

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As thou hast filled our bodyes, O Lord, with thy good creatures, farre above our best deseruing, so be pleased, we pray thee, to season our soules, and to endue vs with all spirituall blessings in heauenly things, that in all our life, that yet remaines, we may be means of glozy to thy Name, of credit to thy Gospel, and of much comfort to thy seruants: preserve thy Church, protect this whole State, and the Chiefe-head thereof, King Iames, his Quene, his Heire, and whole posterity, the Counsell, the Nobles, the Maiestrates, the Ministers of thy word, comfort the hearts of all thy seruants, stablish vs all in thy truth, and keepe vs for ever to thy selfe, Amen.

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Blessed be thou, O Lord, for these, and for all thy gifts: let thy mercy to our bodyes stirre vp thankfulness in our soules, and let our care to please thee in our liues, bee a witnes of the feeling we haue of thy rich and abundant mercies towards vs: be gracious to all thy people through the world, forget not these Realmes,

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not thine annoynted, our Soueraigne King, the Queene, the hopefull Prince, and the Royall Progeny: disapoynt the enemies of thy Gospell, and make it to grow in despite of Satan, to the glory of thy Name, and to the reioycing of the soules of all thy servants, for Iesus sake, Amen.

### Another Grace before meate.

Accept, we pray thee, (most louing Father) this our sacrifice of prayse, which for these, and all thy fauours, we here offer vp vnto thy Majesty, looke vpon it in the worthynesse of thy Sonne, and for his sake enable vs to a cheerefull seruing thee in singlenes of heart, and in vprightness of conuersation all our dayes: and looke mercifully vpon the whole body of thine elect, liuing vpon this earth wheresoeuer, multiply thy mercyes vpon the severall Churches vniited vnder the gouernment of our gracious King, powze out thy graces vpon him and his, continue the truth of Religion to vs and our posterity, enlarge the Kingdome of grace, and hasten the Kingdome of glory, and preserve vs by thy power thereunto, through Iesus Christ our onely Saviour, Amen.



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### Grace after meate.

Wee returne vnto thee, with the humbling of our hearte, all possible thanks & gracious God for thy loue and bountie towards vs thy vnworthie seruants, for electing vs for sending thy sonne to die for vs, for calling vs to a liuely hope by thy precious Gospell, for creating, for preserving, for feeding vs at this present: & stirre vs vp to giue our selues vnto thee, and to consecrate our whole spirits, soules and bodies to thy glory all our dayes.

& Lord, saue thy Church, our King, &c.

### A prayer before meate.

**G**ratious God, and mercifull Father, we pray thee for Iesus Christs sake to forgive vs the sinnes of all our life past, and present, and together with the full forgiveness thereof, blesse these good creatures set before vs at this time, that they may feede our bodies: and blesse vs with grace so to receiue them before thee with reuerence that wee may be the better able to goe forward in our businesse in our calling to thy glory, and our euerslasting comfort in our Lord & Saviour Iesus Christ.

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### A Thanksgiuing after meate.

**W**E thanke thee most mercifull Father,  
for the good comfort and strength which  
thou hast giuen vs at this time, by these thy  
good blessings of meat and drinke: we pray thee  
in like manner, comfort our poore soules with  
the euerlasting foode of thy word preached vnto  
vs, that by the working of thy blessed spirit,  
we may practise it in the whole course of our  
life, to thy glory, and our saluation in Iesus  
Christ our onely Lord and Saviour, Amen.

### An other Prayer before meate.

**M**ost louing and mercifull Father, who  
hast giuen vs our life and breath, with  
all good blessings for our soules and bodies,  
graunt thy good blessings to these meates and  
drinks now set before vs, that from thee, they  
may receiue strength to feede vs, and giue vs  
such grace to receiue and vse the'n, that wee  
may be the better able with comfort of heart  
to serue thee so in this life that we may haue  
the comfort of thy kingdome, there to liue for  
euer, by Iesus Christ our Saviour.

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An other Thanksgiuing after meat.

**W**E confesse our selues for euer bound vnto thee most mercifull Father, for all good blessings, and namely for these which now we haue so bountifully receiued to our great comfort mercifully pardon wee pray thee all our p[ro]fanenes and vnthankfulness past and present, and strengthen vs for euer hereafter with greater grace to shew our selues more thankfull vnto thee, and more carefull to serue thee in all true holines and righteousness all the dayes of our life, through Iesus Christ our Lord Amen.

An other Prayer before meate.

**H**oly Father, we confesse our selues most vniworthy of our life, or any other blessings, which may do vs good in soule or body, by reason of our sinnes, which are both great and greuous: we pray thee therefore in Christ his death forgive them all, and in his obedience so receiue vs to fauour, as that for his sake these good blessings may be blessed to our good vse, to feede vs in our bodies, and to further vs in all godlines towards heauen & euerlasting life,  
through



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through Iesus Christ our Lord Amen.

### An other Thanksgiuing.

**W**E confesse thy great goodnes towards vs most louing Father, that notwithstanding all our sinnes, thou hast fed vs at this time moze plentifully then many thousands of our brethren, who are moze thankfull for any blessings receiued, and a thousand times moze carefull to serue thee then we be wee beseech thee call vs not to account for that which is past but strengthen vs with a rich portion of thy grace to bind our selues for euer hereafter to our better behauiour, to serue thee with better thankesfulness, and moze carefull obedience all the daies of our life, to thy glory, and our everlasting comfort in Iesus Christ our Lord.

God Lord blesse the Church, preserve our Kinges maiesty defend this whole land, comfort the comfortles, giue good successe to thy Gospell against all the foes of thy truth, forgive vs our sinnes in Christ Iesus, increase our faith, graunt peace to this Church and common wealth, and to euery one of vs in our conscience, we most humbly entreate thee god Lord,

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### A Thankes giuing before dinner.

**O** Heauenly Father, which art the fountaine, and full treasure of all goodnes, we beseech thee to shew thy mercies vpon vs thy Chilozen, and sanctifie these gifts, which wee receiue of thy mercifull liberalitie, graunting vs grace to vse them soberly, and purely according to thy blessed will: so that thereby we may acknowledge thee to bee the Author and giuer of all good things, and above all that wee may remember continually to seeke the spirituall foode of thy word, wherewith our soules may be nourished euerlastingly through our Saviour Christ who is the true bread of life which came downe from heauen, of whom, whosoever eateth shall live for ever. So be it.

### Thankes after Dinner.

**G**lorie, praise and honour be vnto thee most mercifull, and omnipotent Father, who of thine infinit goodnes hast created man to thine owne Image and similitude, who also hast fed, and dayly feedest of thy most beautifull hand all liuing creatures, graunt vnto vs, that as thou hast nourished these our mortall bodies with corporall foode, so thou wouldest

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wouldest replenish our soules with the perfect knowledge of the liuely word of thy beloued sonne Iesus Christ, to whom bee praise, gloze, and honoz for euer and euer, Amen.

God saue the Church vniuersall: **GOD** comfort them that be comfortlesse: **Lozde** increase our faith: **O Lozde** for Christ thy sons sake, be mercifull to all the Common wealthes where thy Gospell is truely preached, and harbour graunted to the afflicted members of Christes body: and illuminate according to thy good pleasure, all nations, with the brightnesse of thy word, So be it.

## Thankesgiuing after Supper.

**E**ternall and everlasting God Father of our Lozde Iesus Christ, who of thy most singular loue, which thou bearest to mankind, hast appointed to his sustenance, not only the fruites of the earth, but also the fowles of the ayze, and Beasts, of the earth, and Fishes of the Sea, and hast commanded thy benefites to bee receiued, as from thine hande, with thankesgiuing, assuring thy childezen, by the mouth of thine Appostle, that to the cleane, all things are cleane, as the creatures which bee sanctified by thy word, and by prayer: graunt  
vnto



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unto vs so moderately to vse these thy giftes  
present, that the bodies being refreshed, the  
soules may be moze able to p̄cede in all  
good woꝝkes; to the p̄aise of thy holy name,  
So be it.

### Thankesgiuing after supper.

**T**He G O D of all power, who hath called  
from death, the great Pastoz of y sheepe,  
our Lord Iesus, comfort and defend the flock,  
which he hath redeemed by the bloud of the  
eternall Testament: increase the number of  
true preachers: repress the rage of obstinate  
tyrants: mitigate, and lighten the heartes of  
the ignorant: relieue the paine of such as be  
afflicted: but especially of those that suffer for  
the testimonie of his trueth, and finally con-  
found Sathan, by the power of our Lord Ie-  
sus Christ, Amen.

### ¶ A prayer before the hearing or reading of the word, or any other exercise thereof

**B**lessed Lord God most mercifull and hea-  
uenly Father, for as much as thou hast  
beg

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very straightly charged vs in thy holy woꝛd,  
befoze all other things in this woꝛld, most  
chiefely and carefollly to seeke thy kingdome  
and the righteousnes thereof; where onely is  
true happines, which will last for euer: Grant  
vs grace that the care and loue of this woꝛld,  
(whereto our earthly minds are too much wed-  
ded) being set aside, we may hencefoꝛth most  
diligently study how to liue for euer in thy  
blessed kingdome. And because we haue lear-  
ned from thine owne wisdoms, that the sincere  
preaching of thy woꝛd is the playne path and  
beaten hye way which leadeth to the ioy of thy  
kingdome: we beseech thee giue vs grace at  
all times, and vpon all occasions, withall re-  
uerence and readinesse of heart, to heare, reade,  
muse, and study thereon, that our soules may  
dayly grow rich and wealthy in the increase of  
true repentance, faith, holines of life, meeke-  
nes, patience, loue, and euery other sweet fruit,  
of thy holy spirit, which may prepare vs to bee  
alwayes ready when it shall please thee to call  
vs out of this life, to liue most blessedly with  
thee for euer in thine everlasting kingdome,  
thꝛough Iesus Christ our Lord.

for Houſholds.

¶ A Thankſgiuing after any exerciſe.  
*of the Word of God.*

**V**Ve thanke thee moſt mercifull Fa-  
ther, for all good bleſſings what-  
ſoever, confeſſing our ſelues altogeth-  
er unworthy of any one of them from the firſt vnto  
the laſt, and from the greateſt vnto the ſmalleſt:  
moſt chiefly we thanke thee for the great bleſ-  
ſing and precious iewel of thy holy Word, and  
for the ſweete comfort thou bringeſt to our con-  
ſciences by the continuall hearing, reading,  
ſtudy, & exerciſe thereof: we pray the encrease  
our zeale and love therevnto every day more  
and more, that the power thereof may ſo worke  
in every one of our ſoules, that we may dayly  
proſper and thriue in all the wayes of Godlines  
to thy glory, and our everlaſting comfort in  
thy kingdom, by Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and  
Saviour.

¶ A prayer for the Euening.

**B**leſſe Lord God, moſt mercifull and bea-  
uently Father, all we thy ſervants whome  
thou haſt ioyned together in this houſhold,  
do altogeth-  
er confeſſe thy marvellous great  
mercy



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mercy which thou hast shewed to euery one of  
vs all the dayes of our life, and by name, this  
day, which now is at an end, Wee all thanke  
thee from the very ground and bottome of our  
heartes, that thou hast preserved vs from all  
the dangers of our bodies, and from euery  
iudgement of our soules. We thanke thee that  
euery way thou hast dealt so kindly and merci-  
fully with vs, shewing thy selfe a most tender  
father, as well in the blessings, of this present  
life, as also in the most excellent graces of a  
farre better life. Thou hast provided for vs  
(according to our calling) whatsoeuer thou in  
wisdom knowest needfull for our bodily  
maintenance. As for our soules, thy loue hath  
appeared most wonderfull, because thou hast  
not suffered vs to runne headlong to hell in  
blindnes & ignorance, with many thousands,  
[whom thou hast in thy fearefull, yet most  
iust iudgement, appointed vnto condemnati-  
on] but hast by the blessed preaching of thy  
word which thou hast brought amongst vs,  
shewed vs the way how to escape everlasting  
vengeance, and to liue for ever in thy king-  
dome. To this purpose thou hast prolonged  
euery one of our liues vnto this present houre,  
and this day blessed vs with health & strength  
of our bodies to walke in our calling so that  
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we haue with good successe happely ended the busines of this day , and therefore now this night we may betake our selues to comfortable rest, whereby we may w<sup>th</sup> better courage and strength retarne againe to our busines the next day following . For these and all other mercies whatsoeuer we most humbly thanke thee, praying thee most humbly to forgive and forget the sinnes of this day , and of all our life past, howsoeuer we haue committed them by thought, word, or dede , wittingly or willingly throught ignorance , or for want of good heed . Giue vs the sight and sorrow of heart for them all, with a full purpose for euer hereafter to be more watchfull ouer all our wayes & more heedfull in all our behauiour, then euer heretofore wee haue bene. To this end, vouchsafe vpon vs a rich portion of thy grace so to profit by the hearing of thy word preached, that we may more carefully auoyde that which is euill, and more constantly follow that which is good . And now we pray thee receiue, vs all this night into thine owne safe keeping : be a good God to every one of vs. Ward vs in our bodies by the defence of thy holy Angels from all outward dangers and iudgements whatsoeuer : and aboue all, keepe vs by thy blessed spirit from euery enticement of Satan,

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Sathan, which might hurt vs in our soules. Give our bodie sweete rest and comfortable sleape, and graunt vnto our Soules the sweete peace of conscience, which may prepare vs against the comming of our Lord Iesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray further for all good graces needefull for the whole Church this of England our Kings Moste the Councell, Magistrates, Ministers the comfortles, and all the rest of the faithfull in any place of the world, saying the same prayer which himsele hath taught vs in his holy Gospell after this manner.

O our Father which art in heauen, &c.

**T**He grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the most sweete and comfortable fellowship of God the holy Ghost be with vs, blesse, preserve, keepe, comfort, and defend eury one of vs here present, together with all the rest of y<sup>e</sup> Faithfull which in any other place belong vnto Iesus Christ his kingdome, both this night, and for ever hereafter to the end of the world, Amen.

A prayer for the Morning.

**W**e the humble servants thanke thee most mercifull Father, that thou hast kept so  
good



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god and carefull a watch ouer euery one of vs  
this last night past, that thou hast so merciful-  
ly deliuered vs from the darkenes and dangers  
thereof, and hast freed vs from euery iudge-  
ment which might not onely haue seized vpon  
vs in our bodies, but swallowed vs vpon  
both in our bodies and soules. Our bed  
wherein we haue taken so good rest and com-  
fortable sleepe, might haue bene our graue to  
haue stopt our breath that we should neuer  
againe haue seene the light of this day if thou  
hadst not bene our good God, mercifully to  
watch ouer vs by thy speciall prouidence. We  
therefore in the humblenes of our soules most  
vniuersally thanke thee for this thy defence,  
and for all the rest of thy kindnes, either this  
night, or any time heretofore. And now we  
further pray thee that as thou hast rescued  
vs from the dangers of this night, and renewed  
the light of this present day: enen so it would  
please thee to renew the light of thy fauourable  
and louing countenance toward euery one of  
vs, in the face and fauour of Iesus Christ, to  
bless us with thy spirit, whereby we may be  
guided in all our actions, dealings, and busines,  
as thy blessed name may be glorified, the  
Church and children profited, and our owne  
consciencs comforted in the assured hope of  
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everlasting life. Prosper the works of our hands, and make thy feare so to prosper in our hearts, that in every part of our behaviour, we may set thee before vs. and make thee iudge, not onely of our outward doings, but of our inward and secret thoughts, that the same may be upright in thy presence, to set thee before vs in every thing we take in hand, calling vpon thee in all our busines. that thy blessing may give vs good successe. Graunt, we beseech thee, that the words of our mouths, the works of our hands, and all the thoughts of our hearts, may be acceptable vnto thee, both this day and for ever, through Iesus Christ our Saviour, in whose name we pray further vnto thee for these and all other good graces, which thou knowest to be most needfull for vs and for thy whole Church, saying as hee hath taught vs in his blessed Gospel:

O our Father, &c.

A prayer to be strengthened against feare  
which oppresseth the conscience.

O Lord, heavenly Father, I thine vnwor-  
thy seruant, and a poore wretched sin-  
ner, overwhelmed with great feare, by rea-  
son of my manyfold & grievous sinnes where-  
by I have offended thee, my most loving and  
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mercifull Father, doe heere bowe the knees of my heart vnto thee, beseeching thee most humbly to forgive all those my finnes and heynous transgressions which make my conscience so sore afraid, that I neyther can feele such comfort in mine owne soule, as may bring peace vnto mine owne conscience, neyther am I able to bee comfortable vnto such as thou hast humbled by affliction, for the exercise of their faith and patience to thy great glory, and their speciall comfort in the end, though for a time thou seemest to turne thy louing countenance from them. Good Lord, I confesse my want of zeale, and loue to thee and thy word, I acknowledge my profanenesse, and ouer-great loosenesse of life, I keepe not back my slacknes in hearing, reading, praying, and practizing such duties, as by thy blessed word I am bound to performe. Now in the riches of thy mercy worke in my heart vnfained repentance, for these and all the rest of my finnes past and present: and of thy goodnes, poure such plenty of thy gracious spirit into my vnfull soule, that my manners being amended, and my behauiour both outward and inward being changed, I may both haue comfort in mine owne conscience, and also without feare, with grace and good courage of heart



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heart speake comfortably to such as are in any kinde of distresse, especially in any trouble of minde, so as they may receiue some speciall comfort by those gracious words which shall proceed from me : Graunt this, most mercifull Father, for thy deere Sonnes sake, Iesus Christ our onely Lord and Sauiour, Amen.

¶ A Prayer made at the first assembly of the Church, when the confession of our faith, and whole orders were there read, and approoued.

**O** Lord God Almighty, and Father most mercifull, there is none like thee in heauen nor in earth, which workest all things for the glory of thy Name, and the comfort of thine elect. Thou diddest once make Man ruler ouer all thy creatures, and placed him in the Garden of all pleasures, but how soon (alas) did he in his felicity forget thy goodness? Thy people Israel also in their wealth, did euermore runne astray, abusing thy manifold mercies, like as all flesh continually rageth when it hath gotten liberty and eternall prosperity. But such is thy wisdom, adioyned to thy mercies (deare Father) that thou seekest all meanes possible to bring thy children to the true sense and liuely feeling of thy

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thy fatherly fauour. And therefore, when prosperity will not serue, then sendest thou aduersity, graciously correcting al thy children whom thou receiuest into thine household: ~~Wherefore,~~ wee wretched and miserable sinners, render vnto thee most humble and hearty thanks, that it hath pleased thee to call vs home to thy folde, by thy fatherly correction at this present, whereas in our prosperity and liberty, we did neglect thy graces offered vnto vs: For the which negligence, and many other grievous sinnes, whereof wee now accuse our selues before thee, thou mightest most iustly haue given vs vp to reprobate mindes, and induration of our hearts, as thou hast done other. Oh Lord God, what are wee, vpon whom thou shouldest shew this great mercy? O most loving Lord, forgive vs our unthankfulness, and all our sinnes, for Iesus Christs sake. O heavenly Father, increase thine holy Spirit in vs, to teach our hearts to cry, Abba, deare Father, to assure vs of our eternall election in Christ, to reueale thy will more and more towards vs, to confirme vs so in thy trueth, that we may liue and dye therein: and that by the power of the same spirit, we may boldly giue accompts of our sayth to al men, with humblenesse and meeknesse, that where

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as they backbite & slander vs as euill doers,  
they may be ashamed, & once stop their mouths,  
seeing our good conuersation. Be merciful good  
Lord, vnto thy Church vniuersal, scattered a-  
broad vpon the face of the whole earth: send  
helpe and comfort to al our brethren wheresoe-  
uer, which are in neede, affliction, or misery:  
beate downe the fury and rage of Antichrist  
and his kingdome, and dayly more and more  
increase the number of thy faithful flocke.

And forasmuch as it hath pleased thee in  
mercy, aboue al ether Nations of the earth, to  
power downe the sweete streame of thy bless-  
ings vpon this little Island in which we live,  
by prouoking of thy Gospel, and ouerthrowing  
of Idolatry, wee beseech thee to continue to-  
wards the same, and to establish in this thy  
Church a pure perfect, and sincere regiment  
thereof, that in the same thy glorious Maiesty  
may be exalted in sincere, pure, and holy wor-  
ship; and that this thy Church may flourish and  
increase, being through thy safe protection ay-  
ded supported, & miraculously defended, guide  
and rule, we beseech thee, with thy holy spirit e-  
very part and member thereof, especially thy  
gracious seruant, our deare Soueraigne Lord  
and King. graunt vnto him [O Lord] a pure  
and perfect zeale, aboue al things, to promote



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thy glory, giue vnto him the spirit of wisdome, discreation, and gouernment, that with equity & Justice he may see this whole Realme peaceably and quietly gouerned. Deliu<sup>r</sup> him, O Lord, as hitherto, most wonderfully, thou hast done, from all forrayne and home-bred Traytors, and graunt vnto him (if it bee thy will, a long and quiet raigne ouer vs, to the benefit of thy Church, and the aduancement of thy glory: blesse also, we beseech thee, with abundance of blessings, both Spiritual and Temporal, the Queenes Maiesty, the young Prince with the rest of the King and Queenes Royal Issue, and make them worthy Instruments of thy glory, when time and occasion shal serue thee vnto: blesse, O Lord, the Nobility, the Gentry, the Commonalty, and al the Estates of this Land: comfort al them that be comfortlesse, and remoue thy heauy Iudgements from those places on which they are falne: lastly, for our selues we become humble petitioners vnto thy diuine Maiesty: blesse vs [O Lord] with thy grace and peace, make vs thankful for al thy blessings from time to time bestowed vpon vs, forgive vs the finnes which we haue committed, watch our soules, good Lord, and keepe them from all sinne and uncleanness, from all evil motions and idle  
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fantasies, and prepare vs moze and moze against the coming of thy Sonne, Christ Jesus. And moze, O Lord, wee haue commended our selues vnto thee, our vnderstanding is weake, our memory is frayle, and we are not worthy to pray vnto thee, moze vnworthy to receiue the things wee pray for; and therefore we commend our selues and our prayers vnto thee, in the name and mediation of thy Sonne and Saviour, humbly begging and craving both these our former petitions, and all things else needeful for vs in that forme of prayer which he hath taught vs, saying: Our Father which art in heauen, &c.

A prayer for true repentance.

**M**ost gracious God. and merciful Father,  
Of our Saviour Jesus Christ, because I  
haue sinned and done wickedly, and through  
thy goodnesse haue receiued a desire of repen-  
tance, whereunto this thy long suffering hath  
drawn my hard heart; I beseech thee, for thy  
great mercies sake, in Christ, to worke the  
same repentance in me, and by thy spirit, pow-  
er and grace, so to humble, mortifie and seare  
my conscience for my finnes, to saluation, that  
in thy good time thou mayst comfort and quic-  
ken mee againe, through Jesus Christ thy  
dearely

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dearely beloued Sonne, So be it.

A prayer for the strength and in-  
crease of faith.

**O** Mercifull God, and deare Father of  
our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ,  
(in whom, as thou art well pleased, so  
hast thou commaunded vs to heare him) for  
as much as hee often biddeth vs to aske of thee,  
and also promiseth that thou wilt heare vs and  
graunt vs that which in his name wee shall  
aske of thee: lo, gracious Father, wee are  
bold to begge of thy mercy, through thy Sonne  
Iesus Christ, one sparkle of true faith and cer-  
taine perswasion of thy goodnesse and loue to-  
wards vs in Christ, where through, I being  
assured of the pardon of all my finnes by the  
great mercyes of Christ thy Sonne, may  
bee thankfull to thee, loue thee, and  
serue thee in holinesse and righ-  
teousnesse all the dayes  
of my life,

Amen.

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